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A Newsletter of the Wofford College Environmental Studies Program



An excavated earth oven feature used for cooking at Robertson Farm Site, dating from 30 BC-90 AD.

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*Attention All ENVS Majors!
(Especially Sophomores)*

*Wednesday, March 7th
at 4:00pm in BSA 2*

*Amy Lancaster from
International Programs will
be here to discuss
opportunities to study
abroad.*

*Fierce Green Fire Group
will meet*

*Thursday, March 8th in the
Shipp Lounge at 6:00pm.*

*Plans for Earth Day 2012
will be discussed.*

Archaeological Research by Dr. Ferguson Published

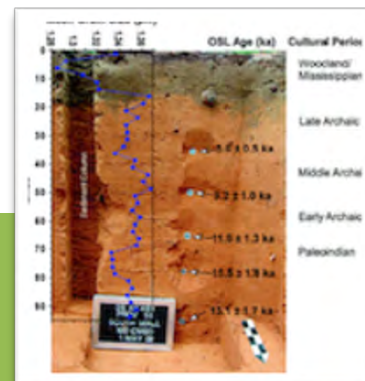
Dr. Ferguson has co-authored two articles published in the newest quarterly issue of *Legacy*, by USC's South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology.

The first article, *The 2011 Field Seasons at Robertson Farm Site (38PN35)*, is an overview of the excavations conducted in May and December of 2011 in Pickens County, South Carolina through funding from Piedmont Archeological Studies Trust (PAST).

The second article, *Radiocarbon and Luminescence Dating at Flamingo Bay (38AK469): Implications for Site Formation Processes and Artifact Burial at a Carolina Bay*, focuses on the geoarchaeological study of bays in the Central Savannah River Area.

These bays are upland ponds found on the Atlantic Coastal Plain, from Florida to New Jersey, with the greatest number located in the Carolinas and Georgia. Radiocarbon dating and luminescence dating, a dating technique measuring the time since the sediment was last exposed to sunlight, provide a temporal framework to study how the Carolina bays developed over the past 15,000 years and how people adapted to them.

To view *Legacy*, visit <http://www.cas.sc.edu/sciaa/legacy.html>.



A sediment column showing sedimentary particle size at the Flamingo Bay Site in the Central Savannah River Area.

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

- March 1st** **Deadline for Smithsonian-Mason Semester for Conservation Studies:** Students will spend a semester studying at the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute in Front Royal, Virginia through George Mason University. You must submit an application, two letters of recommendation, a 500-word statement of interest, and undergraduate transcripts. For more information, go to <http://mccs.gmu.edu/undergraduate>.
- March 1st** **Deadline for Summer Program:** The inaugural “Food, Farm, and Sustainability Institute at Hampshire College,” a six-week academic program designed for undergraduate students interested in sustainable agriculture and food studies. Visit <http://www.hampshire.edu/academics/Food-Farm-and-Sustainability-Institute.htm> for more details about this summer program.
- March 6th** **Green Screen 2012:** HUB-BUB is hosting a “green” film series again this year! Come out and watch each Tuesday night through April 17th. Tonight’s film, “Ghost Bird” begins at 7:00pm and will be followed by a panel discussion and an opportunity for audience participation. Admission is free.
- March 11th-13th** **2012 South Carolina Environmental Conference:** 22nd Annual Conference at the Myrtle Beach Conference Center. Visit www.sc-ec.org for more information. Contact Dr. Savage if you are interested in attending this conference.
- April 1st** **Deadline for Wilderness and Civilization Program:** The University of Montana’s Wilderness Institute is accepting applications for their fall 2012 program. Spend the semester exploring and studying in the Northern Rockies. Visit <http://www.cfc.umt.edu/wc/> for more information about the program.
- April 11th-14th** **Society of Ethnobiology:** 35th Annual Conference, “Conservation and Communities” will be held at the Denver Botanic Gardens. Please contact Dr. Cynthia Fowler at fowlerct@wofford.edu if you are interested in attending this conference.
- May 1st** **Deadline for Oregon Leadership in Sustainability Graduate Certificate Program:** We profiled this program a few weeks ago in Issue 13 of FGF. OLIS has room for a few more applicants to take part in the 2012-2013 class. Visit <http://olis.uoregon.edu> for more information.

GRAD SCHOOL PROFILE:

University of Glasgow – Environment, Culture, & Communication

The University of Glasgow, Dumfries Campus, in Scotland offers a MLitt, Master of Letters (or Literature) in Environment, Culture, and Communication. The program is “concerned with the relationships we hold with our ‘wild’ environments, and how these evolved.”

The program boasts that it is at the cutting edge of this developing subject of ecocriticism and green studies. “It is among the first in the world to blend disciplines in order to better understand environmental issues from multiple perspectives.”

They emphasize a small-group teaching environment with individualized support from the academic staff, programs with speakers from relevant fields and publications, and opportunities to submit work with environmental publishers.

The program can be completed in 12-months as a full-time student or 24-months as a part-time student. Visit their website for information on this and other postgraduate programs in the environmental field: <http://www.gla.ac.uk/postgraduate/taught/environmentculturecommunication/>